

Think Safety...

Promoting Emergency Preparedness Around the House

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Sheltering In Place

Some emergency situations such as wildfires may require evacuating your home. Others such as natural gas leaks may allow you to stay in your home and "shelter in place". Some emergencies such as tornados happen so fast that sheltering in place is your only option.

Fire and/or police may advise if evacuation or sheltering in place is the best option depending on the danger. However, you may have to listen to TV or radio broadcasts for infor-

mation on what to do. The internet and social media may also be a good source.



If the crisis requires sheltering in place, follow these helpful tips to make sure you and your family are safe. Not all situations will allow you time to complete this entire list. Do the best you can to limit the amount of air movement in and through your home.

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| ✗ Bring all family and pets inside. | an interior room with as few windows as possible. |
| ✗ Close all windows, doors, chimney dampers, and foundation vents. | ✗ Seal all windows, doors and air vents with plastic sheeting and duct tape. |
| ✗ Turn off all fans, heating & air conditioning systems. | ✗ If time is limited use what is available, such as a blanket or towel at the bottom of doors. |
| ✗ Grab your emergency kit and take it to | |

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NRFPD Board Profile — John Fawcett

After graduating from OSU, then dental school, John Fawcett served as a Captain in the Army Dental Corps (Tripler Army Medical Center and Schofield Barracks in Hawaii). In 1972 John and his wife Jeanne settled in Newberg to start a dental practice, and raise their two sons. John retired in 2005 and now John and Jeanne (married almost 50 years) can relax, watch their grandkids grow and do a little woodworking on the side.

John was encouraged by past board member Bland Herring to join the Newberg Rural Fire Protection Dis-

trict Board of Directors and was first elected in 1979. He served as President for several years and currently does an exceptional job as Secretary-Treasurer.

John has been instrumental in maintaining an excellent relationship with the City of Newberg, managing the purchase of several fire trucks, and maintaining a tax rate for rural patrons that has not increased in three and a half decades. John states, "It has been rewarding to serve on the board for the past 35 years and I look forward to future service".



From all of us at Newberg Fire, Thank You John for your continued service and caring for the rural district.





Household Chemical Dangers

Follow these guidelines for buying, using, and storing household hazardous materials and chemicals. Remember, this also includes normal household cleaning supplies.

Every year we respond to multiple emergencies that involve youngsters after accessing household chemicals.

- ✖ Only buy what you need. Containers holding chemicals can deteriorate or corrode over time causing unwanted leaks, or labeling becomes unreadable. Before you realize it, an entire shelf is full of half used chemicals presenting an unsafe environment not only for the family, but to firefighters responding to emergencies. A good option for leftover chemicals is to share your purchase with neighbors and family. Theater groups may be interested in leftover paint.
- ✖ Never mix chemicals together. Many household chemicals are incompatible and may quickly cause serious injury or death. For example, two common household chemicals, ammonia and chlorine bleach, will cause a deadly toxic gas.
- ✖ Never use chemicals near any type of open flame, and don't smoke while using chemicals. Even spray paints will produce enough vapors that could easily ignite from open flames or electrical arcs.
- ✖ Don't try to use chemicals for any purpose other than those recommended by the manufacturer.
- ✖ The best place to store chemicals is in a locked cabinet, braced to prevent tip-over. This helps control access and protects against chemicals falling and mixing during an earthquake.
- ✖ Always keep chemicals in their original packaging/labeling. If a spill occurs it is extremely important that emergency responders know what they are dealing with. Never transfer chemicals into food containers.
- ✖ Never leave any type of chemical in the potential reach of children. Every year we respond to multiple emergencies that involve youngsters after accessing chemicals.
- ✖ Never allow chemicals to spill or leak while in storage. If a spill occurs, only clean up the chemical per the manufacturer's recommendations.

To dispose of household chemicals here are some options:

Yamhill County Solid Waste sponsors 2 events each year where you can take hazardous waste & chemicals at no charge.

3rd Saturday in May at:
Newberg Waste Management
2904 S Wynooski St, Newberg

3rd Saturday in October at:
Western Oregon Waste Recovery Zone
2200 NE Orchard Ave, McMinnville

Please visit www.ycsw.org for more information on these events.



Please help keep Newberg bright and festive during the holidays.

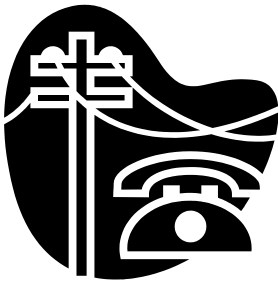
Newberg Fire Department has been decorating the community at Christmas time for the past 85 years. Please help keep the Newberg Community in the Christmas spirit by supporting the NVFA Christmas decoration fund drive.

Make your tax deductible contribution to:
Newberg Downtown Coalition
502 E 2nd St
Newberg, OR 97132



Family Communications Plan

Family and friends are the people that we most want to hear from when disaster strikes. We want to know if they were effected, if they are safe, or if they need anything.



Most likely, your family will not all be together when an emergency happens. Having a communication plan in place prior to the crisis is a great idea.

Communication Plan Tips

- Pick an out-of-state friend or relative for all family members to notify to report their condition. The multitude of local calls will tie up phone lines, and it may be easier to call long distance.
- Make a contact card for all adults in the family to always carry with them. Cell phones can be great tools to carry all this information, but when the battery is dead, no information is available.
- If you do not carry a cell phone,

a prepaid phone card is a good option.

Get more tech savvy. Texting may be a better way to communicate during a disaster because phone network service may be disrupted and overloaded. Social media on the internet may also be easier to use than overloaded phone circuits to give family and friends updates, and it is a great way to stay updated and get information concerning the emergency.

We change phone numbers more frequently than we used to so make sure to keep all contacts updated with any changes.

Keep a phone charger in the car in case of electrical power outage to keep cell phones usable.

Keep all phone calls very brief, discussing only vital information.

Forward traditional landline home phones to your cell phone if you get evacuated.

Check with your child's school or day care to discuss emergency plans and how to best make contact.

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Two Bulls Fire near Bend



Another busy wildfire season hit Oregon this past summer. Very dry conditions and multiple lightning events sparked hundreds of fires.

Newberg Fire along with other Yamhill County agencies deployed to help fight fires that threatened The Dalles, White City, Bend, and Estacada. When Yamhill County is requested to send resources to these large fires it is our goal to help provide structure protection for the threatened homes.

One late summer forest fire at Hagg Lake near Gaston also threatened homes and caused evacuations.

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